CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A system for identifying and extracting text in a distributed processing environment, comprising:

a client computer coupled to a network and including a browser;

a server computer coupled to the network; and

information associated with a user of the client computer, where a destination service presented by the server computer to the user obtains portions of text in the information.

2. The system of claim 1, wherein the text is extracted from the information using optical character recognition.

3. The system of claim 1, wherein the text is represented by a text rendition of an internal representation of an indicated region of the text.

4. The system of claim 1, wherein the information associated with the user of the client computer is graphical information that includes textual information.

5. The system of claim 4, wherein the graphical information is identified using a uniform resource locator (URL).

6. The system of claim 1, wherein the information is specific to a user of the first client computer.

7. The system of claim 1, wherein the information resides on the first client computer.

8. The system of claim 1, wherein the information resides remote from the first client computer.

9. The system of claim 1, wherein the destination service uses a code portion in the browser to obtain the portions of text in the information.

10. The system of claim 1, wherein the destination service uses the server to directly access and obtain the portions of text in the information.

11. The system of claim 1, wherein the portions of text in the information are used to complete a web page form.

12. A method for identifying and extracting text in a distributed processing environment, the method comprising:

coupling a client computer to a network, the client computer including a browser;

coupling a server to the network;

associating information with a user of the client computer; and

obtaining portions of text in the information using a destination service presented by the server computer to the user.

13. The method of claim 12, wherein the text is extracted from the information using optical character recognition.

14. The method of claim 12, further comprising:

representing the text as a text rendition of an internal representation of an indicated region of the text; and

directly extracting the text rendition.

15. The method of claim 12, wherein the information associated with the user is graphical information that includes textual information.

16. The method of claim 15, further comprising identifying the graphical information using a uniform resource locator (URL).

17. The method of claim 12, wherein the information is specific to a user of the first client computer.

18. The method of claim 12, wherein the information resides on the first client computer.

19. The method of claim 12, wherein the information resides remote from the first client computer.

20. The method of claim 12, wherein the portions of text in the information are obtained using a code portion in the browser.

21. The method of claim 12, wherein the server directly accesses and obtains the portions of text in the information.

22. The method of claim 12, further comprising using the portions of text in the information to complete a web page form.

23. A computer readable medium having a program for identifying and extracting text in a distributed processing environment, the program comprising logic for:

coupling a client computer to a network, the client computer including a browser;

coupling a server to the network;

associating information with a user of the client computer; and

obtaining portions of text in the information using a destination service presented by the server computer to the user.

24. The program of claim 23, wherein the text is extracted from the information using optical character recognition.

25. The program of claim 23, further comprising:

logic for representing the text as a text rendition of an internal representation of an indicated region of the text; and

logic for directly extracting the text rendition.

26. The program of claim 23, wherein the information associated with the user is graphical information that includes textual information.

27. The program of claim 26, further comprising logic for identifying the graphical information using a uniform resource locator (URL).

28. The program of claim 23, wherein the information is specific to a user of the first client computer.

29. The program of claim 23, wherein the information resides on the first client computer.

30. The program of claim 23, wherein the information resides remote from first client computer.

31. The program of claim 23, wherein the portions of text in the information are obtained using a code portion in the browser.

32. The program of claim 23, wherein the server directly accesses and obtains the portions of text in the information.

33. The program of claim 23, further comprising logic for using the portions of text in the information to complete a web page form.